

The British-Israel-World Federation NEWSLETTER

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Our Focus for 2015 by the President

The Foundations of the Kingdom remain

During 2014, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland arrived at a new watershed in the long history of its nation state – a moment perhaps more decisive than any other for over three centuries faced it at the Scottish Referendum on Independence. The result appeared uncertain during the final weeks of the campaign in September, yet in the event with much prayer being offered, the people of Scotland voted in favour of remaining part of the union of kingdoms confirming those events of 1603 and 1707 that brought the two kingdoms together.

We were able to say 'Glory to God' who, in prophetic foreview, revealed the joining of the two sticks of Scotland and England into one kingdom as recorded in *Ezekiel* 37:15-22. Judah and Israel remain now as one kingdom under God awaiting the Return of the King of kings and we can read *Psalms* 124 giving thanks to the Lord God of Israel.

The Approaching new 'Exodus'
While we rejoice over the outcome of the Scottish Referen-

dum, we reflect on the fact that powers other than those of the parliament at Westminster have ruled and dictated to the Queen's Realm for the past 43 years.

It was on 28 October, 1971, that a 'decision in principle' was taken by the House of Commons to join the United Kingdom to the grand European Project founded upon the 1957 Treaty of Rome – the fateful decision being defined that very day by the Morning Lesson, *Isaiah* 28:9-16, in the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* as the nation – the woe of Ephraim – making "a covenant with death."

This action enforced by prerogative power was plainly unconstitutional, yet the 'powers that be' proceeded to sign the Treaty of Accession to the *then* EEC on 22 January 1972 – the anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria (1901). There was the sign of the printers' ink being thrown over Prime Minister Heath as he entered the Palais d'Egmont in Brussels to sign the treaty – the "inky blot and rotten parchment bond" described prophetically by Shakespeare in *Richard II*.

The Queen, 'deceived in her grant,' has nevertheless continued in her reign but under the shadow of darkness of a total eclipse of the *prophetic* sun – being the Throne of the Lord upon earth, the British Royal Throne (*Psalms* 89:36).

The period of the past 43 years of 'the Queen betrayed and the nation sold into captivity' is defined as a period of 12 x 1290 *solar* days – a Divine Time Measure which carries the meaning of a period of desolation linked to government. As we came to the completion of this significant cycle on 27-28 October, 2014, the House of Commons gathered to hear a statement by Prime Minister David Cameron on the demand of the EU in Brussels for payment of £1.7 billion (2.1 billion euros) by 1 December 2014. It was a moment of powerful prophetic fulfilment in the momentum towards Britain's coming 'exodus' from the EU, or 'Brexit' as it is termed.

As we moved into November an increasing urgency became apparent over the European Arrest Warrant issue, approaching the

opening of Britain's renegotiations with the EU beginning in December. The terminal date of 3 December, 2014, was marked significantly for Germany being 4 x 7 x 1290 *solar* days from Britain's entry into World War I with Germany. While two days later on 5 December, the First Lessons for Morning and Evening Prayer in the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*, when the whole chapter of *Isaiah* 28 is read, state: "*And your covenant with death shall be **dis-annulled**, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it*" (v.18).

We have long waited for the 'great fish' of the EU-Babylon to regurgitate Jonah-Britain from the stifling "belly of hell," but now without much doubt the **42** year period from 1972-1973 – *a period of confusion* – is proving to us that overruling Providence is in charge of our national destiny. The economic crisis in Europe in holding the single currency together is dragging down the countries of the eurozone and it will now develop into a political crisis – most probably between France and Germany.

Whether or not 2015 will see a big convulsion by the EU to get rid of the discomfiture of having Britain as an eternal irritant member – the largest country outside of the eurozone – only events will reveal and we cannot rule out that before it is over "the overflowing scourge" (v.15) of conflict will ensue, which appears very possible.

However, what we can say is that June 2015 marks the 800th anniversary of the Great Charter of *Magna Carta*, which comes a month after the General Election in Britain due to take place on 7 May. The number eight is significant of renewal and resurrection, thus we must surely an-

ticipate that this eight centuries period will witness a movement towards the renewal and restoration of Britain's Sovereignty.

When it comes to the actual separation of Britain from the EU, the alternative vision of Britain's historic role as a global trading nation will most certainly come back into view. This will be an exciting development as the world is in dire need of resurgent British influence in so many parts of an increasingly chaotic world sinking into horrific disorder.

Taking up the Norway option of Britain joining the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), will also become a wholly sensible and logical alternative. EFTA is an intergovernmental organisation set up for the promotion of free trade and economic integration to the benefit of its four Member States: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. The Association manages the EFTA Convention; EFTA's worldwide network of free trade and partnership agreements, and the European Economic Area (EEA) Agreement (An excellent film entitled *The Norway Option* has been produced by The Bruges Group – see trailer at www.the-publicist.co.uk).

It is the siege of civilization

In the British Isles, God's Appointed Place for His people, immigration from all over the world is placing an intolerable strain on all the public services and infrastructure of the country. The influx of different cultures and religions along with the loss of vision of the Church is changing the nature of the nation. It is becoming very difficult to uphold the 'faith once delivered to the saints.' A similar situation affects our brethren in the United States where illegal immigrants total ten million.

So let us begin anew

The time has come for us to

seize the moment that must shortly be presented to us. Members, Associates and Supporters can make effective use of the published material that we have produced in recent years. Apart from the books there is a wide range of free literature which can be distributed in different situations. The articles in the pages of our flagship magazine *The Covenant Nations* give a vision not found in any of the Protestant publications, worthy as many of them are with their record of historical witness.

They all need to break out from their moribund state dominated by Romanist Replacement Theology and the prophetic confusion centred on the barren fig tree of the State of Israel. The main reason they do not is an abiding fear of what their readers might say.

As an educational society, the Federation sets forth the central theme of the whole Bible. It proclaims both the Gospel of Salvation and the Gospel of the Kingdom, as taught by our Lord Himself. These two aspects of the Christian faith are complementary parts of the whole counsel of God.

While we never fail to present the Lord Jesus as the Saviour of the world, we also proclaim Him as the Redeemer of the lost sheep of the House of Israel; and in doing so, bear witness to the continuity of God's Servant Nation.

We are at a very crucial point in our island history. 'The Nation under God' is a difficult concept for the present generation who have never been taught that they have a great and unique birthright. Our youth are crying out for the vision contained in our national prophetic record – *the Bible*. It does not need to be defended, it is like a lion. Just let it loose!

LOYAL GREETINGS

Sent to Her Majesty The Queen

3 July, 2014

May It Please Your Majesty,

The British-Israel-World Federation in Conference assembled this month at The Palace Hotel, Buxton, Derbyshire, 14-19 July, send Loyal Greetings to Your Majesty. Our theme this year, **“Where is the Watchman on the Wall?”** has the focus on developments both at home and abroad upon the mounting “distress of nations with *perplexity*” (*Luke 21:25* Greek: *aporia*), which has the meaning of “without a passage out.”

We are also very conscious of the forthcoming Scottish Referendum on Independence. On this day in 1996 the announcement

was made in the House of Commons that the Stone of Destiny was to be returned to Scotland. It is our belief that when our two kingdoms were joined together in 1603 and 1707, this was a joining by Almighty God of the two sticks of Judah and Ephraim as recorded in *Ezekiel 37:15-22*, in preparation for the great day of Restoration of the *continuing* Kingdom of God upon earth.

It is our prayer that Scotland and England will continue as one kingdom, this as we draw ever nearer to the Return of Jesus Christ to take up the Throne of David in our midst.

Yours sincerely,
Michael A. Clark, President

And Her Majesty's gracious reply

Dear Mr Clark,

I have been asked to thank you and the Members of the British-Israel-World Federation for your loyal greetings to The Queen, sent on the occasion of the Federation's Conference which is being held at the Palace Hotel, Buxton from 14th to 19th July.

Her Majesty appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing as you did and sends her best wishes to all concerned for a most successful event.

Yours sincerely,
Christopher Sandamas,
The Chief Clerk to The Queen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BIWF SUMMER CONVENTION - 13 to 18 July 2015

BIWF 96th ANNUAL CONGRESS - 2 to 5 October 2015

DID YOU KNOW

‘Dazzle camouflage’ was used extensively during the First World War to make it difficult for the enemy submarines to target the ships accurately. HMS President can be seen moored at the Victoria Embankment, London, covered in contemporary ‘dazzle camouflage’ designs.

Frankincense is a whitish-yellow aromatic resin obtained by incising the bark of the tree *Boswellia sacra*.

'REMEMBERING WORLD WAR I' RALLY

It was a remarkable choice of date for this Rally coinciding as it did with the international celebrations of D-Day being held in France over the same period. The thoughts of those attending were directed back to 1914-18 but many had their own more immediate memories of family involvement in World War II which came back forcefully.

Headquarters was decorated with some interesting posters of the period which had been published by some of the newspapers. Some books and memorabilia were on display too. Michael Clark opened the rally with a warm welcome to all who came. After singing the National Anthem, David Aimer introduced the invited speaker, Anne Yuill, author of *Witton Warriors* which

is a book which Eli Press has published for her. Her topic was 'The story of one village and the Great War' which she illustrated with slides. It was a fascinating lecture because her research was not just on this local village. She had looked at the wider social context and her descriptions brought to life very vividly that period of great change and so-

cial upheaval. There was a very interesting question and answer session and it was very enjoyable to meet her over lunch and hear more about her work.

Nicola Gallone provided an excellent buffet and then Michael Clark, Martin Lightfoot and David Aimer gave short addresses looking at different aspects of the theme

'The greater dimension for Empire and nation.' Everyone present was conscious that they were there on that day because of the sacrifice of the men and women who gave so much at that time. The Thanksgiving Service led by Frank Tebbutt was an opportunity for heartfelt praise and gratitude for the providential care of Almighty God for His people.

A short break for tea refreshed and prepared everyone for the Quiz conducted by Kathleen Gage. It was won by a Methodist lady from the village, Anthea Tallentyne, and the prize was two books, *As Birds Flying* with a copy of *We have a Guardian*.

Michael Clark thanked everyone at the end for coming and for the contributions of all those who helped in the organisation of the Rally. He closed with the Israel Blessing from *Numbers* 6.



NEW BOOKS & LEAFLETS

The Covenant Publishing Company has been continuing with its practice of producing new editions of books by the authors of the past as well as publishing new works by writers of today. There is also a very useful leaflet which helps you to 'explain the message in less than a minute' as its subtitle says. This leaflet, 'Sharing the Israel Truth,' was first published as a page in *The Covenant Nations* Volume 3 Number 1 and is available free on request from Headquarters as is all the free literature produced by BIWF.

Daniel Unlocked is another new book by one of our respected authors, Michael S Jarvis. He takes us through the book of *Daniel* adding his unique insight into these prophecies, enabling the reader to follow the plan that was formed at the Creation and which is continuing throughout our history right to the present day. He has other books on the way which will be published in due course.

Symbolism of the Scriptures by R Llewelyn Williams is a second edition of a book consisting of articles which first appeared in the *National Message*. It pro-

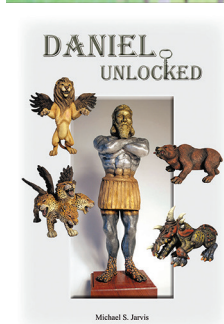
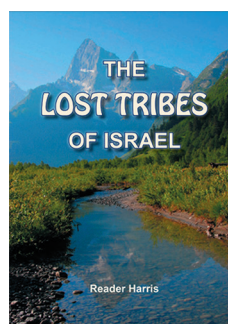
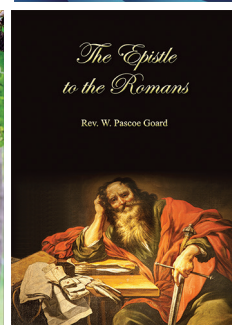
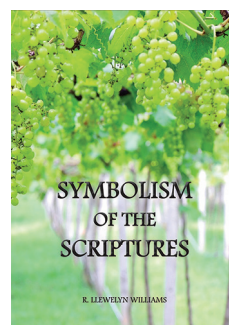
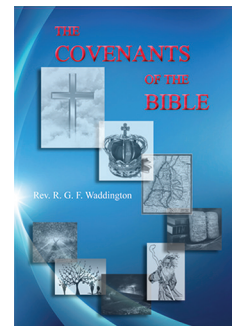
vides a very useful guide to understanding the meaning of many of the most frequently used symbols in the Scriptures. As the **Introduction** of the book says, '...there are certain figures of speech which were in common use among the Israelites of old, and which should be equally familiar to the Israelites of today, if the message of the Bible is to be properly understood.'

The Epistle to the Romans by Rev W Pascoe Goard is the first reprint by CPC of this important study since the first edition in 1927. The chapter headings give an indication of how the author has approached his work: Man; The Jew; The Divine Remedy; Israel; Paul's Prayer for Israel; The World; Paul's Correspondents at Rome. Rev Pascoe Goard was a prolific writer and it is hoped to reproduce all his work eventually.

The Lost Tribes of Israel was written by Richard Reader Harris KC who was a Methodist minister as well as an eminent barrister. It was first published in 1907 and ran to four editions reaching 25,000 copies. It is an excellent introduction to this great subject.

The Covenants of the Bible by Rev R G F Waddington is a short book covering all the covenants which form the foundation of our subject. It is very suitable as a gift to a new enquirer.

Ross *Was Right* is an up-dated reprint of *The Queen Betrayed* of which 8,000 copies were distributed in 1986. There is important additional material written by Michael Clark and it is essential reading for all those who care for the sovereignty and freedom of our great nation. It has been widely distributed by Mr Clark but the support of BIWF members in sending it further afield would be greatly appreciated – see enclosed order form.



Remember to request free literature from HQ so that you are ready to spread the message.

Give out the leaflets; leave them on the train; post them to MPs, churches and other organizations – and any other ways that you can think of.

SUMMER CONVENTION

There was added interest at the start of this year's Summer Convention because it was held in a new venue in a town which few of us had visited previously. The Palace Hotel in Buxton turned out to be an excellent choice for the main event of the Federation's season. It is situated 5 minutes' walk from the railway station and 10 minutes' walk from the town centre. The pleasant weather and free time in the programme allowed people to explore the variety of shops and parks found in this delightful spa town. For the more adventurous the beautiful countryside of the Derbyshire Dales was easily reached.

More importantly, there was a large conference room in which all the bookstalls could be set up with plenty of space for walking around to look at them. An adjacent room was provided for tea and coffee breaks and this was also used daily by those who gathered for early morning Prayer before the Morning Devotions. The accommodation was comfortable and the food plentiful and good. The staff

were helpful with setting up the equipment on arrival and it was generally agreed to be a good choice for future Conventions.

Michael Clark and David Aimer led the Welcome Meeting which opened proceedings as usual on the Monday evening. Michael Clark welcomed the speakers especially those from overseas and the new ones. After reading out greetings from absent friends he handed over to David Aimer who drew attention to the new books on the bookstall. He invited Michael Bennett, President of Bible Truth Fellowship to give his testimony. He then spoke both about his family background in BI and also the need to reach out to more people with this message.

The forthcoming publication of the book *Ross Was Right* was highlighted by Michael Clark – see page 5. Then the evening closed with the Epilogue by Ernest Gage, Chairman of the Board of Management who went through many scriptures concentrating on praise and thanksgiving of Almighty God.

Every morning David Aimer led a small group in prayer before Morning Devotions which were given by Ken Brack, Barrie Williams, Margery Dowling and Alfred Brown this year. The theme of the Convention was *Where is the Watchman on the Wall?* The first

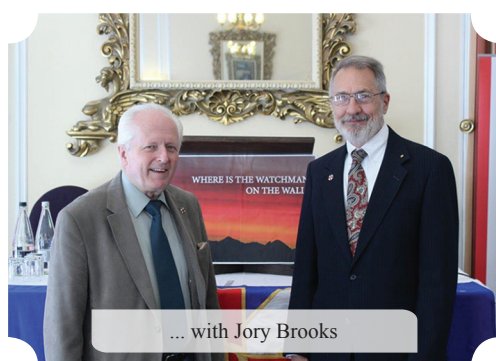
lecture on Tuesday morning was by Peter Hammond of Frontline Fellowship who gave three rousing lectures on this theme while highlighting the threat of Islam in the covenant nations.

The Annual Meeting was held after the coffee break. The President opened the Meeting with prayer and then read the Statement of Belief. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting 2013 were adopted unanimously and the Annual Report was accepted with no comments. The General Secretary presented the Annual Accounts of BIWF, CPC and Eli Press, all of which were approved with no comments. Mr Aimer announced that Mr Hardwick and Mr Graham had been re-elected to the Board. There were no other nominations. Mr Clark said that he had sent Loyal Greetings to Her Majesty as usual and had received a reply which he read out. He closed the Meeting after the National Anthem had been sung.

Martin Lightfoot reported on his research into the origin of the Stone of Destiny in his illustrated lecture after lunch. He had

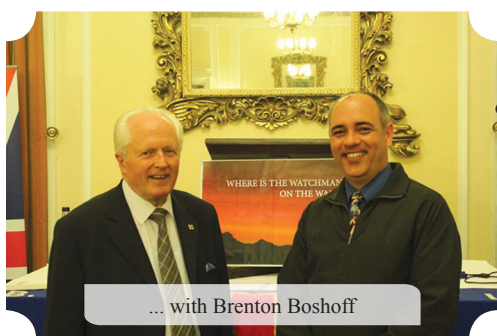


Michael Clark with Peter Hammond



... with Jory Brooks

some very interesting specimens of rock from possible sites he had visited. Kathleen Gage spoke at the end of the afternoon on the two Houses of Israel and of Judah providing a very useful overview of their history. The evening lecture was the first of two given by Jory Brooks from Canadian British-Israel Association; his well-researched subject was 'The Woman in the Wilderness fulfilled in History.'



On Wednesday morning Frank Tebbutt took up the theme of the watchmen and Peter Hammond gave his second lecture. The afternoon was free until after tea when Brenton Boshoff from South Africa gave an encouraging address on 'What a friend we have in Jesus.' The evening lecture was by a new speaker, Philip Benwell of the Australian Monarchist League. He spoke passionately about being a 'watchman on the wall' and Michael Clark was moved to offer prayer and the laying on of hands before he left for his next appointment which was to go on to London to speak in the House of Lords on the importance of the Coronation Oath and of the monarchy. All

the pastors present gathered around Mr Benwell for this solemn blessing.

Jory Brooks gave the first lecture the next day on 'The Death of a Nation' which was a grave warning to the people though also including our hope which is in the Lord God of Israel. After the coffee break another new speaker, Edward Spalton, from Campaign for an Independent Britain, reminded the convention about the toils of Nehemiah and finished with a film about the relationship of Norway to the EU and its significance for our nation. The late afternoon lecture was Peter Hammond's final one, focusing on the work of David Livingstone in particular. Michael Clark delivered his presidential address in the evening on 'The Powers of the Heavens shall be Shaken' giving a stirring description of the current situation. The day closed with another very enjoyable performance from the 'Singers' – Janice Raby, Ann Walton, Anne Smyth and David Reynolds with David McLure at the piano.



The final day began with an intriguing lecture by Ernest Gage called 'Misconceptions' looking at stories in the Bible which are often not quite what everyone thinks they are. The second one was given by David McLure who spoke powerfully on the theme of the watchmen in the light of the up-coming referendum in Scotland. Clifford Smyth delivered the last one on 'St Paul, prophet and watchman to present-day Britain' which was a very inspiring close to such an excellent series of lectures.

The Summer Convention finished with the Covenant Service which was taken by David Aimer with support from all the pastors present. It was a very moving end to a week of teaching, prayer and fellowship which refreshed and encouraged everyone as they prepared to return to the challenges of everyday life. The dates for 2015 are 13th – 18th July. DVDs of the lectures are available from Headquarters and can be found in the Covenant Publishing catalogue.

NATIONAL BIBLE COLLEGE

Events:

There were two National Bible College Events this year – to Bangor Cathedral in September and to the Science Museum in London in October. They were two very different visits with the first one looking at early Christianity on a very old site in a small city. The latter one was in the great capital of the nation and concentrated on the wonderful inventions which came out of the Industrial Revolution turning Britain into the ‘workshop of the world’ in the words of the museum poster.



In the Science Museum

It might be said though that without the deep roots of Christianity in this country from the very earliest days after Calvary and the Resurrection there would not have been this growth and flowering of ideas and technology which brought such great blessings to the whole world. As every BI knows, the proof of the faithfulness of God in His covenant with Abraham and his descendants is in front of our eyes.

The site on which Bangor Cathedral stands is a region of very ancient Christian worship in Britain. Martin Lightfoot led the group around this small cathedral explaining the history. The present cathedral is dedicated to St.

Deiniol who built up a Christian community in Bangor around AD 525 on land given by King Maelgwn Gwynedd. Deiniol was from a Christian family originating in the north of England and Maelgwn is shown in the Welsh Annals as ancestor of the Tudors and a descendant of Anna, a cousin of Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. Of special interest are the many stained glass windows which illustrate some of the saintly individuals that have shaped our national Christian heritage dating back to early Celtic Britain. The cathedral was opened specially for the visit and it was a privilege to be able to take time to absorb the atmosphere without a crowd of other people around. Two new contacts joined the tour and it was interesting to talk to them over tea in a nearby cafe afterwards.

In London a large group of people joined David Aimer for a tour around the Science Museum. He began with reading some of the key scriptures given to Abraham and his seed so that everyone



Bangor Cathedral

could be aware from the start of the significance of the exhibits which would be seen. There are five floors in the museum – from the earliest days of steam to the latest in computer development and space exploration. Great enjoyment was had in looking at the Household section and recognising many of the things with which we grew up. Medical advances, the measurement of time, travel – the list goes on. David Aimer drew attention to the timing of the reformation and how this links to the ending of the 7 times punishment placed on Israel. He read out the relevant scriptures. This blossoming of knowledge gave us the great enlightenment which gave birth to many discoveries, inventions and the progress that in turn blessed all the other nations of the world.

Refreshments at the end were very welcome and many of the group expressed an interest in returning because there is so much to see and to absorb.

The Distance Learning Programme

This study programme has attracted a large variety of participants from across the world. One participant (the furthest away from Britain) is in Australia. The course of 4 modules (each containing 10 units with 4 questions posed at the end of each unit) provides a comprehensive introduction to BI teaching and is highly recommended for all who take an interest in the subject. Each person goes at their own speed in their own time with the satisfaction at the end of deepening their knowledge and understanding of Scripture.

THE SHAPING OF SCOTTISH HISTORY AT STIRLING CASTLE

The first event of the year was the visit to Stirling Castle. Martin Lightfoot led a group of 10 around the castle on 17 May. The small but enthusiastic group joined an official guide after spending some time in the exhibition on the history of the early Scottish kings in the casemates, massive stone vaults built to house troops. It was very interesting and helpful to be able to bring together the shared history of the early years when the two nations of Scotland and England were so often at war with each other. Understanding the context and the complexities of the marriages and alliances put into the perspective the long 'family' relationships which we share.

A highlight of the visit for many of us was the visit to the Tapestry Studio where it was possible to see the weavers at work on a new tapestry wall hanging which was the last of 7 replacing the original mediaeval ones which are now carefully preserved in the Cloisters Museum of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. The story of the unicorn stimulated so much conversation in the visitors that one of the weavers could not resist turning around to join in.

The Great Hall has been restored fully and the hammer beam roof in particular was wonderful to see. The exterior walls are rendered in Royal Gold harling as they would have been in the 1500s. The result is that it can be seen from far away glowing in the light and it would have been a very magnif-



icent and imposing sight. It is still used for many activities by the local community – there was a children's group there on our visit. Adjacent to the Great Hall is the Chapel Royal which is still being restored. This was built by King James VI for the baptism of his first son, Prince Henry in 1594. It was one of the first churches newly built for Presbyterian worship.

The Palace is directly across the courtyard from the Chapel and has been extensively restored. It comprises separate chambers for the king, James V, and his queen, Mary of Guise. Every effort has been made to revive the bright colours, furniture and textiles so that it is easy for visitors to picture themselves at the Royal

court in the sixteenth century. This restoration of the Palace was finished and opened by Her Majesty the Queen in 2011.

Unfortunately there was no time to see all the interesting places in the castle such as the Regimental Museum of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; the Queen Anne Garden; the Stirling Heads Gallery; the Prince's Tower and Prince's Walk; the Great Kitchens and the Douglas Gardens. Also the weather was against us so no-one ventured on to the walls to admire the view. However, it was a very interesting visit and the usual shared fellowship as we walked around and then over refreshments made it a very enjoyable time.



DID YOU KNOW

'Thankful villages' was the name given to those villages from where all the men who went to serve in the First World War returned safely.

The D-Day invasion, Operation Overlord, was planned by Churchill and Eisenhower in Southwick, Hampshire.

95th ANNUAL CONGRESS

Another ancient cathedral city, Lincoln, was the place for the 95th Annual Congress at the end of September. The cathedral itself dominates the skyline and the Old Palace Hotel which provided the conference facilities was in the Minster yard. It was only a short walk to visit the city centre and all the places of interest. The weather was warm and sunny so the free periods were very welcome in allowing time for exploration.



The theme of the Congress was 'The Continuing Kingdom – Moses, Magna Carta and the Future.' This intriguing theme gave the speakers some freedom in how they interpreted it. Michael Clark gave the opening lecture on Friday evening with the title 'The United Kingdom's relationship with the European Union.' He brought in the relevance of Magna Carta as it began to give the people freedom under the law and linked it to the many years during which those freedoms and the law have been removed by successive governments. There is hope for the future because of the promises and covenants of Almighty God.

Straight after breakfast there was a tour of the cathedral led by one



of the official guides who was very informative about the history of Christianity in the area and how the magnificent cathedral came to be built and modified over the centuries. Unfortunately the original copy of Magna Carta, which the cathedral owns, was in the United States as part of the 800 year celebrations but there was a very good facsimile on display. This visit linked very well to Martin Lightfoot's lecture after lunch on 'Our Christian Heritage in Lincolnshire.'

Saturday, 28 September was the BIWF Day of Prayer so after tea Alfred Brown led 'Prayers for the Nation' with readings, hymns, prayers and a short address. This was a very special time when we trust that all at Congress were joining with the rest of the membership in coming before the Lord our God. In the evening Robert Graham gave a lecture on 'The Kingdom of God,' a subject which is so often badly taught or ignored by the churches.

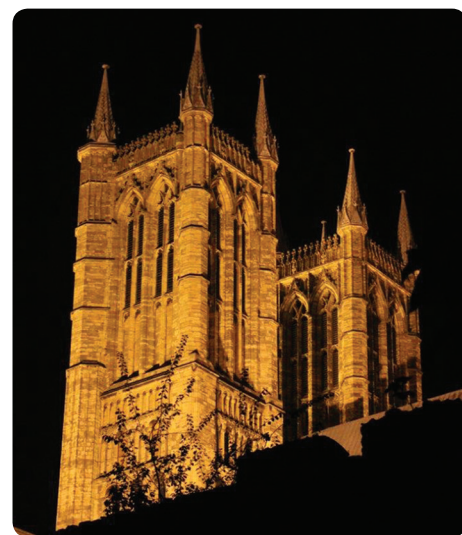
Morning Worship on Sunday was led by Frank Tebbutt using the *Book of Common Prayer* which is so full of scriptures and prayers pointing to our forefathers. After lunch Martin Lightfoot led a group down to The Collection which is a small museum of Art and Archaeology in

Lincolnshire. There was a timeline to follow starting with pre-history and coming through all the ages to the present. It was very interesting to have the lives of the early inhabitants of the area vividly displayed through artefacts discovered and put into realistic scenes of daily life. Martin put into context the arrival and development of Christianity as we moved through time.

In the evening David Aimer spoke on 'The Marks of Israel' which is a subject he is currently up-dating as there have been so many changes since they were first set out. He had prepared a very useful hand-out of scriptures and a mnemonic which can easily be learned to help in remembering them:

G N F S C I K B G.

That is 'Great Nation Fruitful Spreading Company Islands King Bible Gates.' He suggested that the scriptures could be marked in our Bibles providing a prompt when in discussion with someone. It was a very interesting end to the Congress which Michael Clark closed with thanks to everyone for coming. He read the Israel Blessing from *Numbers* 6 to send everyone on their way.



OBITUARIES

Viscount Allenby of Meggido,
soldier and Deputy Lord Speaker
20 April, 1931 – 3 October, 2014

"VISCOUNT Allenby of Megiddo enjoyed a distinguished career as a soldier with the Royal Hussars and as a cross-bench member of the House of Lords. He was the great-nephew of Field Marshal Edmund Allenby, the renowned commander who saw action in both the Boer War and the First World War.

"Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Jaffray Hynman Allenby, 3rd Viscount Allenby of Felixstowe and Megiddo, was educated at Eton and the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. He was commissioned a lieutenant in the 11th Hussars (later the Royal Hussars) and served with the armoured cavalry in various hot-spots: notably in Malaya (1953-1956). He acted as aide-de-camp to the governor of Cyprus (1957-8), Brigade Major of the 51st Brigade in Hong Kong (1967-9) and commanded the Royal Yeomanry (TA) (1974-7). Before retiring from the army in 1986 Allenby was an instructor at the Staff College in Nigeria.

"Allenby took his seat in the House of Lords in 1985 and served as its Deputy Speaker from 1993 to 1999. He was a regular attendee at the Upper House and served on many internal committees. Having lost his automatic right to a seat under the House of Lords Act 1999, he was nevertheless elected by his crossbench hereditary colleagues to remain in the House. It was a mark of the respect in which he was held by his fellows that he retained his seat.

"One of Allenby's passions was the excavations at Megiddo in Israel; the site has enormous theological significance especially under its Greek name – Armageddon. In 1918 his great-uncle had commanded the British troops in the Battle of Megiddo against the de-

fending Ottoman troops.

"The area has been the site of several important archaeological digs over the centuries and Allenby and his wife Sara often joined the archaeologists from Tel Aviv University – spending days in the hot sun with a trowel and carefully removing the sand from artefacts. They stayed with the team in a nearby kibbutz and had long discussions into the night about their finds of the day. Allenby was a tremendous enthusiast for the excavations and admitted on one of his last visits to the site, aged 80, "We find it absolutely riveting to be here and see the work progressing so well."



"He was a most dedicated patron of the British-Israel-World Federation and did much to raise the profile of the historical importance of the site.

"Throughout his life Allenby was a keen horseman and took a special interest in eventing. In 1988, he became the regional co-ordinator for South-east England and he gave much encouragement to young riders. Later, he became a selector and took teams to four European Championships – winning team gold and individual gold at Blair Castle in 1996. Allenby was chairman of the International League for the Protection of Horses 1997-9. In 1999, he questioned the

minister in the Lords suggesting the 1911 welfare Act needed updating.

"Viscount Allenby, a much respected man for his courtesy, gallantry and civility, married Sara Wiggin in 1965. Their son, the Hon Jaffray Allenby, succeeds to the title."

The Scotsman, 27 October, 2014

A personal reflection:

It was on the 70th anniversary of the Deliverance of Jerusalem, in December 1987, when we first came into contact with Viscount Allenby. A presentation was made to him at 6 Buckingham Gate of a copy of the much admired painting by Susan Cooper which hangs in our Headquarters of General Allenby (later Field Marshal) walking into Jerusalem on 11 December 1917 – a painting commissioned by our Life Member, Mr Charles Wheler. Subsequently a friendship developed between us. He became far more acquainted with our teaching and he was very pleased to become a patron of the Federation. Although he said he did not do much for us, it was his family association with the fulfilment of prophecy in 1917 at Jerusalem that meant so much to our prophetic witness.

There was a personal link between us in respect of Michael Allenby being Viscount Allenby of Felixstowe and Megiddo. Felixstowe in Suffolk was where my wife's family lived and where Philippa was brought up as a child. Also, with my own home town being Ipswich, Felixstowe was the seaside resort where I spent happy days as a child in the late 1940s. There is a local park in the town that bears the name Allenby Park.

Michael A Clark

OBITUARIES

The Reverend Adrian Fisher

20 February, 1924 – 15 April, 2014

The Federation lost one of its most enthusiastic supporters when the Rev Adrian Fisher passed away in April 2014. He first joined as a member in 1976 and was co-opted on to the Board of Management in 1996. He served continuously from then until the end, becoming Deputy President and Patron in 2007.

He was known widely because of a controversy in his Irish parish, Fethard-on-Sea, in 1957 and this event was reported in detail in the lengthy obituaries written about him in *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Times*. Here is how it was described in one of them:

“The mild-mannered, scholarly clergyman had assumed a Church of Ireland posting at Fethard-on-Sea, a village of only 100 inhabitants on the Hook peninsula in Co Wexford. It seemed like a peaceful billet after a spell as an Army padre coping with tense British troops waiting to be deployed from Cyprus as the Suez Crisis broke.

“But on April 21 1957 — just six days after the official end of Fish-

er’s short-service commission — Sheila Cloney, a young Protestant mother in Fethard, abandoned her Catholic husband, Sean, a farmer, and ran away to Belfast with their two daughters. Despite a promise given on her marriage that their children would be brought up in her husband’s faith, it seemed that she could not bring herself to send them to Fethard’s Roman Catholic school.

By mid-May, when Fisher arrived at the village’s St Mogue’s church, tempers in the small community were flaring.

“Fisher found himself called in for a meeting with a furious Catholic curate, Fr William Stafford, who accused the Church of Ireland and its approximately 25 local adherents of helping Sheila Cloney to flee. “I was at the table sitting down and his fist came down with great force in front of my nose,” Fisher remembered. “He said: ‘You are to

go to Belfast and see a solicitor and bring back Mrs Cloney’s children.”

“Fr Stafford also called at Sunday Mass for the villagers to boycott local Protestant businesses. The Catholic flock’s obedience devastated the lives of the owners of the newsagent and grocers, as well as the music teacher (who lost all her pupils).

“Fisher told Fr Stafford that he had no intention of going to Belfast after Sheila Cloney. Donations and messages of sympathy for the beleaguered Church of Ireland members flooded in from as far afield as Canada, the United States and South Africa. Time magazine coined the word “fethardism” to describe the sectarian dispute. The boycott ended only when a Catholic clergyman signalled a truce by entering Protestant Betty Cooper’s newsagent and buying a packet of cigarettes.

“The events became the subject of a film, *A Love Divided* (1999), and a book, *The Fethard-on-Sea Boycott* (2010), by Tim Fanning” *The Daily Telegraph*, 1 May 2014.

However there was much more in his life than this. He was born in Weymouth in 1924, and grew up in Co Kildare where his father was a canon of Kildare Cathedral. He began a degree in the-



ology at Trinity College, Dublin, leaving it to join the Irish Guards in 1943. Ill-health cut short his military career in 1944 so he returned to his studies and completed his degree and then attended Oak Hill Theological College in London becoming ordained as Deacon in 1949 followed by Priest in 1950. After 2 years as a curate he joined the Royal Army Chaplains Department in which he served for a total of 12 years, finally leaving in 1969 to become a priest in the Diocese of Oxford. During these years of ministry he experienced a four month exchange with the Vicar of All Saint's Newtown, Geelong in Australia. He retired in 1992 but continued with Permission to officiate for many years subsequently.

In 1960 he married Mary Sadler, always known as Pan, and they had three sons. She encouraged and helped him to keep up his contact with the Federation even when increasing age and frailty was making it difficult for him. She understood that these beliefs were of great importance to him. This

obituary describes how he came into them:

"Cousinship through his father, the Rev Charles Proctor Fisher, with Admiral of the Fleet Lord (Jacky) Fisher of Kilverstone, introduced Adrian Fisher to a cause that had been favoured by the Admiral and many members of the Establishment and the Royal family in the mid-20th century: the British-Israel-World Federation, which promotes the notion that the people of the British Isles belong to the lost tribes of Israel. Adrian Fisher became one of the Federation's patrons" *The Daily Telegraph*, 1 May 2014.

His interests were wider than the church though mostly connected with the heritage of our nation. He was a member of The White Lion Society; a member of the Loyal Orange Lodge in Oxford and he was a freeman of the City of London. As a devoted

Christian and a staunch believer in the British-Israel truth he wrote many letters to politicians, to newspapers and to fellow clergyman bringing to their attention the issues concerning the nation which are close to all our hearts. He had a large summerhouse at his home in Aldermaston where he was able to spend many hours working on his researches with the company of his black Labrador, Rosie. He continued with his work in another one at the end of his garden in Henley-on-Thames where he and his wife, Pan, moved in his retirement.

We will always remember him with great affection. His kindness, perfect manners and courtesy were unfailing and his love of his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, shone through all his life. At Summer Conventions he regularly assisted at the closing Covenant Service and he was greatly missed this year. At his funeral in Henley-on-Thames I represented the Federation with my wife and reference to his BI beliefs was made in the Tribute given by one of his friends. It was a privilege to know him and we trust that he has gone to his reward.

Michael A Clark



RALLIES AND BRANCHES

North West Area

The branches are continuing to meet and have local and headquarters speakers. The Good Friday Rally was held at Wigan, the speakers were Mr Alfred Brown and Pastor Robert Phillips. The North West Area Rally held at Morecambe in April was well attended by people from Northern Ireland and various parts of England. The speakers were Pastor Robert Phillips, Pastor David Aimer, Norman Pearson, Alfred Brown, Dr Clifford Smyth, Frank Tebbutt, Martin Lightfoot, and Epilogues were given by Miss Margery Dowling, and Alfred Brown. The Annual General meeting was held and chaired by Miss Margery Dowling. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Right Reverend Bishop John McLean; after business had been completed Pastor David Aimer closed with prayer.

In June North West Members attended Headquarters at Low Etherley on the occasion of the celebration of the Centenary of the First World War. Many of the North West Area Members attended the BIWF Conference at the new venue at Buxton, and later also Congress at Lincoln. We still miss our most senior Member, Miss Carol Cream who was a wonderful lecturer and one who inspired people who were starting out on their speaking careers. Carol and Alfred Brown are in all of our Prayers at this time.

**Margery Dowling, Chairman
North West Area**

Ulster

It is very pleasing to report that this year there have been three rallies in Northern Ireland by special request. Two were originally planned but a date for the

third one was found in November at the last minute. Each rally has been well-supported and the bookstall has been very popular on each occasion. In March the speakers were Pastor Robert Phillips and Clifford Smyth followed by Ken McFarlane and Pastor Norman Pearson in June. The final rally had Clifford Smyth and Pastor James McConnell as the speakers. The Chimney Corner Hotel in Belfast has become the regular venue providing a very comfortable place for these meetings.

Other Branch meetings

Birmingham and Portsmouth are the two remaining Branches, meeting every month except in the winter months. The faithful witness continues and Headquarters is prepared to support any new groups which wish to start up as BIWF branches.

KINDLE

There are now three titles from Covenant Publishing available as ebooks on Kindle. *The Drama of the Lost Disciples* and *We have a Guardian* have been joined by *Did Our Lord visit Britain?* which is another one of our best-sellers.

It is very interesting to note that frequently readers will buy a hard copy of a book which they have read on Kindle so that they have it on their bookshelves. This is of great benefit to Covenant Publishing because it means extra sales.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Preachers used to use a sandglass to ensure their sermons were no longer than an hour.

The expression “Mind your ‘P’s and Q’s” arose from the printing industry where letters were placed upside down and back to front in the ‘stick.’

By 1840 Britain had 2,500 miles of railways, linking London with the industrial cities.

In the 1930s J. Lyons and Co operated the largest chain of tea shops in the world.

William the Conqueror was crowned at Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day 1066.

The Hawker Hurricane shot down more aircraft than either of its contemporaries and was the workhorse of the RAF.

Charles Babbage designed the first mechanical computer – the Difference Engine. It can be seen in the London Science Museum.

The Flying Scotsman was taken to Australia in 1989 where it set a new record for the longest non-stop steam locomotive journey of 442 miles from Parkes to Broken Hill.

Thanks

We would like to thank everybody for his or her contributions this past year. All the organizing of meetings and conferences and all the kind donations, letters and prayers are truly appreciated.

A Form of Bequest to incorporate in Will

To those who may be desirous of assisting the Federation by way of legacies, the following Form of Bequest is recommended to be incorporated in your Will.

I give and bequeath to: **The British-Israel-World Federation**

Charity No: 208079

121 Low Etherley, Bishop Auckland, County Durham, DL14 0HA, the sum of £_____ sterling, free of Inheritance Tax, to be paid to the Financial Secretary, for the time being, of the Federation, whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge for such legacy.

N.B. A legacy need not necessarily be in money; any property may now be given by Will for Charitable purposes.

Donations

For all those who would like to give a portion of their tithe, big or small, as a donation to the Federation; all cheques, order or bank drafts (in sterling for overseas donations) can be made payable to BIWF, and sent to Headquarters at Low Etherley.

Please indicate if you are a UK tax payer so that we can claim the Gift Aid portion from the Inland Revenue.

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